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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN 12 OCTOBER EDITION OF
UGANDA NEWS, OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING. BEGIN TEST. PRESIDENT AMIN YESTERDWHY SHOWED THE
AMERICAN, SOVIET AND CHINESE ENVOYS THE MACHINES AN AMERICAN
DIPLOMAT, MR. KLEIN, WAS USING TO TAPE CONVERSATIONS MADE
BY CHINESE AND RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS.

THE MACHINES WERE INSTALLED IN THE HOUSE OF THE HEAD OF
BANNED GENERAL SERVICE, MR. AKENA ADOKO AT KOLOLO.

THE PRESIDENT TOOK THEM TO THE HOUSE AND SHOWED THEM
THE MACHINE WHICH HAD SIX LINES AND THERE WERE SOME EQUIPMENT
WHICH COULD TRANSMIT MESSAGES DIRECT TO WASHINGTON.

THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT,
MR. ISMAIL SEBI, PLAYED SOME OF THE TAPES OF THE CONVERSATIONS
WHICH HAD BEEN RECORDED.

THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD DECIDED TO SHOW THE ENVOYS
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THE MACHINES BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT UGANDA TO BE USED AS A

SUBVERSIVE GROUND AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES.

MR. KLEIN, WHO WAS A CONSULAR OFFICER AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN KAMPALA, LEFT IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE ECONOMIC WAR WAS DECLARED. HE WAS IN CHARGE OF SPYING ACTIVITIES IN UGANDA, KENYA, TANZANIA, RWANDA AND BURUNDI.

THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR THANKED THE PRESIDENT FOR HAVING BROUGHT THIS TO THEIR NOTICE.

THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, MR. ROBERT KEELEY, WHO WAS SHOCKED ABOUT THE REVELATION, MADE NO COMMENT. END TEXT. KEELEY

NOTE BY OC/T: COORDINATED WITH MR.KING, INR.

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